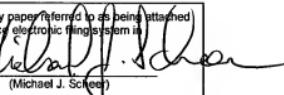


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2008, please consider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Listing of Claims are reflected on page 3 of this paper. No claims have been amended.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	14	- 20*	=	x	
Independent	6	6**	=	x	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.